

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The title on page 1 of the patent application has been amended in the following manner:

METHOD FOR OPERATING A MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM WITH  
USING A STIFF COUPLING

The paragraph starting on page 1, line 4, has been amended in the following manner:

This patent application is a divisional of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to, pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/099,464, that is entitled "MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM WITH STIFF COUPLING," ~~and~~ that was filed on March 14, 2002, and the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

The paragraph starting on page 37, line 8, has been amended in the following manner:

FIG. 6E is an end view of a plane of motion of a lever of the microelectromechanical system of FIG. 6A6D;